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**\_** Yes **X-** No

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## **Title 10**

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

#### **Subtitle 62 NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION**

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**Subtitle 62 NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION**

**10.62.35 Fee Schedule**

Authority: See proposal.

**Notice of Final Action**

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On August 21, 2015, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene adopted (1) New Regulation .01 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.01 Definitions;  
(2) New Regulations .01—.04 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.02 General Regulations;  
(3) New Regulations .01—.03 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.03 Certifying Physicians;  
(4) New Regulations .01—.06 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.04 Patient and Caregiver Registry;  
(5) New Regulations .01 and .02 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.05 Written Certifications;  
(6) New Regulations .01—.07 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.06 Patient and

Caregiver Identification Cards;

(7) New Regulations .01—.06 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.07 New Condition Approval Process;

(8) New Regulations .01—.11 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.08 Medical Cannabis Grower License;

(9) New Regulations .01—.09 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.09 Medical Cannabis Grower Agent;

(10) New Regulations .01—.08 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.10 Medical Cannabis Grower Premises;

(11) New Regulations .01—.04 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.11 Medical Cannabis Growing Controls;

(12) New Regulations .01—.08 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.12 Inventory Control by Grower;

(13) New Regulations .01 and .02 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.13 Medical Cannabis Shipment Packaging;

(14) New Regulations .01 and .02 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.14 Licensed Grower Dispensary Facility;

(15) New Regulations .01—.08 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.15 Medical Cannabis Grower Quality Control;

(16) New Regulations .01—.05 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.16 Independent Testing Laboratory Registration;

(17) New Regulations .01—.04 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.17 Complaints, Adverse Events, and Recall;

(18) New Regulations .01—.06 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.18 Shipment of Products Between Licensees;

(19) New Regulations .01—.09 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.19 Medical Cannabis Processor License;

(20) New Regulations .01—.09 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.20 Medical Cannabis Processor Agent;

(21) New Regulations .01—.07 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.21 Medical Cannabis Processor Premises;

(22) New Regulations .01—.06 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.22 Medical Cannabis Processor Operations;

(23) New Regulations .01—.07 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.23 Medical Cannabis Concentrates and Medical Cannabis-Infused Products;

(24) New Regulation .01 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.24 Medical Cannabis Finished Products Packaging;

(25) New Regulations .01—.10 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.25 Medical Cannabis Dispensary License;

(26) New Regulations .01—.09 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.26 Registered Dispensary Agent;

(27) New Regulations .01—.09 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.27 Licensed Dispensary Premises;

(28) New Regulations .01—.05 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.28 Licensed Dispensary Operations;

(29) New Regulations .01 and .02 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.29 Licensed



Dispensary Packaging and Labeling for Distribution;  
(30) New Regulations .01—.09 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.30 Dispensing Medical Cannabis;  
(31) New Regulation .01 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.31 Licensed Dispensary Clinical Director;  
(32) New Regulations .01—.03 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.32 Records;  
(33) New Regulations .01—.08 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.33 Inspection;  
(34) New Regulations .01—.04 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.34 Discipline and Enforcement; and  
(35) New Regulation .01 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.62.35 Fee Schedule.

This action, which was proposed for adoption in 42:13 Md. R. 812-845 (June 26, 2015), has been adopted with the nonsubstantive changes below.

**Effective Date:**

**Attorney General's Certification**

In accordance with State Government Article, §10-113, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Attorney General certifies that the following changes do not differ substantively from the proposed text. The nature of the changes and the basis for this conclusion are as follows:

COMAR 10.62.01.01B(20), COMAR 10.62.08.04B, COMAR 10.62.08.05I(5)(a), COMAR 10.62.14.01B(2), COMAR 10.62.19.03B, COMAR 10.62.19.04I(5)(a)(iii), COMAR 10.62.23.01B(3), COMAR 10.62.23.02, COMAR 10.62.23.04B, COMAR 10.62.25.02A, COMAR 10.62.25.04B, COMAR 10.62.25.05I(5)(a)(iii), and COMAR 10.62.25.06A: These changes are being made to fix minor spelling errors.

COMAR 10.62.01.01B(32): This change is being made to fix the alphabetical order of definitions.

COMAR 10.62.05.01E: This change is being made to clarify that a certifying physician can speak to a patient about medical cannabis prior to writing a certification for the patient, as is required by the enabling statute.

COMAR 10.62.08.01B(2) and COMAR 10.62.11.01B(3): These changes are being made for consistency. The word “licensed” is being added before the word “grower” in the definition of “license,” as it appears throughout the subtitle.

COMAR 10.62.11.01B(5) and COMAR 10.62.14.01B(1): These changes are being made to eliminate definitions for terms that do not appear in the chapters to which those definitions apply.

COMAR 10.62.11.04C, COMAR 10.62.16.01B(1), COMAR 10.62.16.01B(2), COMAR 10.62.16.02B(3), COMAR 10.62.16.02C, and COMAR 10.62.16.02D: These changes are being made to fix incorrect terms. The terms are being corrected to reflect standards in the industry to which they apply.

COMAR 10.62.14.01A: This change is being made for clarification. The phrase “In this chapter,” is being added before the definitions to clarify that the definitions only apply to those terms as they are used in the chapter.

COMAR 10.62.15: These changes are being made for clarification. The term “licensee” is being replaced with the term “licensed grower” throughout the chapter to clarify that the chapter applies to licensed growers, not other licensed entities.



COMAR 10.62.15.01D(1): This change is being made to remove a repetitive phrase.  
COMAR 10.62.25.05I(1)(a): This change is being made for consistency. The term “usable cannabis” is being added to correctly reflect the products that will be dispensed by licensed dispensaries.  
COMAR 10.62.25.05K: This change is being made for consistency. The term “phase” is being replaced with the word “stage,” which is used earlier in the regulation.  
COMAR 10.62.26.07B(4): This change is being made for consistency. The term “marijuana” is being replaced with the word “medical cannabis,” to reflect the proper terminology used in the regulations and enabling statutes.

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## Title 10

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

### *Subtitle 62 NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION*

#### **10.62.01 Definitions**

*Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301—13-3303, Annotated Code of Maryland*

##### **.01 Definitions.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. *Terms Defined.*

(1)—(19) (proposed text unchanged)

(20) “Medical cannabis finished product” means any product containing a medical cannabis concentrate or a medical cannabis-infused product packaged and labeled for release to a ~~[[qualifying]]~~ qualifying patient.

(21)—(31) (proposed text unchanged)

~~[[33]]~~ (32) (proposed text unchanged)

~~[[32]]~~ (33) (proposed text unchanged)

(34)—(35) (proposed text unchanged)

#### **10.62.05 Written Certifications**

*Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302, and 13-3307, Annotated Code of Maryland*

##### **.01 Issuing a Written Certification.**

A.—D. (proposed text unchanged)

E. A certifying physician may discuss the use of medical cannabis with a ~~[[qualifying]]~~ patient.

F.—I. (proposed text unchanged)

#### **10.62.08 Medical Cannabis Grower License**

*Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302, 13-3306, and 13-3312, Annotated Code of Maryland*

##### **.01 Definitions.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. *Terms Defined.*

(1) (proposed text unchanged)

(2) “License” means a license issued by the Commission to operate as a licensed grower.

(3) (proposed text unchanged)

**.04 Consent for Investigation.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. An applicant shall waive any contractual, statutory, or common law obligation of confidentiality and authorize any government agency in any ~~[[jurisdiction]]~~ jurisdiction to release to and provide access to the Commission of any and all information the applicant has provided to any other jurisdiction while seeking a cannabis-related license in that other jurisdiction, as well as the information obtained by that other jurisdiction during the course of any investigation it may have conducted regarding the applicant.

C. (proposed text unchanged)

**.05 Application Review.**

A.—H. (proposed text unchanged)

I. The Commission, or a Commission independent contractor, shall review for a pre-approval for a license the submitted applications as described in Regulations .02B and .05E of this chapter. The applications shall be ranked based on the following weighted criteria:

(1)—(4) (proposed text unchanged)

(5) Business and economic factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:

(a) A business plan demonstrating a likelihood of success, a sufficient business ability and experience on the part of the applicant, and providing for ~~[[appropriate]]~~ appropriate employee working conditions, benefits and training;

(b)—(c) (proposed text unchanged)

(6) (proposed text unchanged)

J. (proposed text unchanged)

**10.62.11 Medical Cannabis Growing Controls**

Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302, and 13-3306, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions.**

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

(3) "License" means a license issued by the Commission to operate as a licensed grower.

(4) (proposed text unchanged)

[(5)] "Unique identifier" means any symbol or mark that enables tracking of final product to the grower, seed, or plant from which the medical cannabis originated.]]

**.04 Equipment.**

A.—B. (proposed text unchanged)

C. A licensee shall have any scale, balance, or other measurement device, and any automatic, mechanical, or electronic equipment routinely calibrated by a calibration laboratory accredited to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard ~~[[ISO/IEC]]~~ 17025 ISO/IEC by an accreditation body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement.

**10.62.14 Licensed Grower Dispensary Facility**

Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302 13-3306(c), and 13-3307, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions.**

A. ~~[[The]]~~ In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

[(1)] "Dispensary license" means a license issued by the Commission to operate as a dispensary.]]

[(2)] (1) "Licensed grower dispensary ~~[[facility]]~~ facility" means a facility where a licensed grower may dispense medical cannabis.

[(3)] (2) (proposed text unchanged)

**10.62.15 Medical Cannabis Grower Quality Control**

Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302, 13-3306, and 13-3311, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Production and Process Controls.**

A. A ~~[[licensee]]~~ licensed grower shall cultivate each plant and produce each batch of medical cannabis in conformity with the standard operating procedures.

B. A ~~[[licensee]]~~ licensed grower shall record the cultivation process in accordance to standard operating procedures to ensure:

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

C. A ~~[[licensee]]~~ licensed grower shall record any deviation defined as a material change from the standard operating procedure which would impact the quality of the batch in the log.



D. A *[[licensee]] licensed grower* may not release any batch of medical cannabis if there was any deviation in production of the batch from the standard operating procedure unless:

(1) After independent testing of the batch in accordance with the criteria set forth in Regulation .04 of this chapter *[[the batch is tested by an independent testing laboratory and]]*, the *[[licensee]] licensed grower* determines, as a result of such testing, that the batch meets the specification for the variety; and

(2) (proposed text unchanged)

**.02 In-Process Inspection by Grower.**

During the process of cultivation, a *[[licensee]] licensed grower* shall regularly inspect each plant to ensure proper growth and absence of pests and disease.

**.03 Holding Procedure.**

A *[[licensee]] licensed grower* shall hold medical cannabis in secure, segregated storage until released for distribution.

**.04 Independent Testing Laboratory Selection.**

*[[The licensee]] A licensed grower* shall use an independent testing laboratory:

A.—F. (proposed text unchanged)

**.06 Grower Determination That a Batch May be Released.**

A. If a licensed grower, upon review of the certificate of analysis, determines that a batch meets the specification for the variety, the *licensed grower* may:

(1)—(3) (proposed text unchanged)

B. (proposed text unchanged)

C. A *[[licensee]] licensed grower* shall retain every certificate of analysis.

**.07 Stability Testing and Retention Sampling.**

A. A *[[licensee]] licensed grower* shall provide a sample from each released batch to an independent testing laboratory sufficient to perform stability testing at 6-month intervals to:

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

B. A *[[licensee]] licensed grower* shall retain a sample from each released batch:

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

**.08 Report of Products Offered for Distribution.**

A *[[licensee]] licensed grower* shall submit to the Commission quarterly a list of the products and their specifications that the *[[licensee]] licensed grower* offered for distribution in the previous quarter.

**10.62.16 Independent Testing Laboratory Registration**

*Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302, and 13-3311, Annotated Code of Maryland*

**.01 Definition.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. *Terms Defined.*

(1) “Accreditation body” means a nonprofit, impartial organization that requires conformance to *[[ISO/IEC]] 17025 ISO/IEC* requirements and is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Testing.

(2) “*[[Certification]] Certificate* of accreditation” means a certificate issued by an accrediting body for the independent testing laboratory facility, entity or site to be registered in Maryland.

(3)—(4) (proposed text unchanged)

**.02 Registration.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. To register, an independent laboratory shall:

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

(3) Submit a copy of the *[[certification]] certificate* of accreditation accompanied by the scope of accreditation; and

(4) (proposed text unchanged)

C. The Commission may issue a provisional registration to an independent testing laboratory that has not yet been issued a *[[certification]] certificate* of accreditation in Maryland if the independent testing laboratory:

(1)—(5) (proposed text unchanged)

D. Once it has obtained a *[[certification]] certificate* of accreditation, a provisionally registered independent testing laboratory shall apply to be registered, but:

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

**10.62.19 Medical Cannabis Processor License**



Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302, 13-3309 and 13-3310, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.03 Consent for Investigation.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. An applicant shall waive any contractual, statutory, or common law obligation of confidentiality and authorize any government agency in any ~~[[jurisdiction]]~~ jurisdiction to release to and provide access to the Commission of any and all information the applicant has provided to any other jurisdiction while seeking a cannabis-related license in that other jurisdiction, as well as the information obtained by that other jurisdiction during the course of any investigation it may have conducted regarding the applicant.

C. (proposed text unchanged)

**.04 Application Review.**

A.—H. (proposed text unchanged)

I. The Commission, or a Commission independent contractor, shall review for a pre-approval for a license the submitted applications as described in Regulations .02B and .04E of this chapter. The applications shall be ranked based on the following weighted criteria:

(1)—(4) (proposed text unchanged)

(5) Business and economic factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:

(a) A business plan:

(i)—(ii) (proposed text unchanged)

(iii) Providing for ~~[[appropriate]]~~ appropriate employee working conditions, benefits, and training;

(b)—(c) (proposed text unchanged)

(6) (proposed text unchanged)

**10.62.23 Medical Cannabis Concentrates and Medical Cannabis-Infused Products**

Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302, 13-3309, and 13-3311, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

(3) “Tincture” means a cannabis-infused solution derived either directly from the cannabis plant or from a processed cannabis extract and ~~[[typically]]~~ typically combined with alcohol, glycerin, or vegetable oils.

**.02 Controls for Processing of Medical ~~[[cannabis]]~~ Cannabis Concentrates and Medical ~~[[cannabis]]~~ Cannabis – Infused Products.**

A.—F. (proposed text unchanged)

**.04 Contents of Certificate of Analysis.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. Residual levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) shall be below the specifications as set by the United States ~~[[Pharmacopeia]]~~ Pharmacopeia (USP Chapter 467).

**10.62.25 Medical Cannabis Dispensary License**

Authority: Health General Article, §§13-3301, 13-3302 and 13-3307, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.02 Application.**

A. An applicant shall submit to the Commission ~~[[a]]~~ an application for a license for each Senatorial district in which it is competing for a license.

B.—E. (proposed text unchanged)

**.04 Consent for Investigation.**

A. (proposed text unchanged)

B. An applicant shall waive any contractual, statutory, or common law obligation of confidentiality and authorize any government agency in any ~~[[jurisdiction]]~~ jurisdiction to release to and provide access to the Commission of any and all information the applicant has provided to any other jurisdiction while seeking a cannabis-related license in that other jurisdiction, as well as the information obtained by that other jurisdiction during the course of any investigation it may have conducted regarding the applicant.

C. (proposed text unchanged)

**.05 Application Review.**

A.—H. (proposed text unchanged)

I. The Commission, or a Commission independent contractor, shall review for a pre-approval for a license the submitted applications, as described in Regulations .02B and .05E of this chapter, for each Senatorial district. The applications shall be ranked based on the following weighted criteria:

- (1) *Operational factors will be afforded 20 percent weight, including:*
  - (a) *A detailed operational plan for the dispensing of usable cannabis, medical cannabis extracts, and medical cannabis-infused products; and*
  - (b) (proposed text unchanged)
- (2)—(4) (proposed text unchanged)
- (5) *Business and economic factors will be afforded 15 percent weight, including:*
  - (a) *A business plan:*
    - (i)—(ii) (proposed text unchanged)
    - (iii) *Providing for ~~[[appropriate]]~~ appropriate employee working conditions, benefits and training;*
  - (b)—(c) (proposed text unchanged)
- (6) (proposed text unchanged)
- J. (proposed text unchanged)
- K. *In a Senatorial district in which the top ranking applicants choose not to move to ~~[[phase]]~~ stage 2, lesser ranked applicants will move up in rank.*

**.06 Pre-Approval of License Application.**

*A. Number of Pre-approvals. In consideration of the ranking of the applications in accordance with Regulation .05, the Commission may issue pre-approvals of up to two licensed dispensaries per Senatorial district, other than the number of ~~[[licenced]]~~ licensed grower dispensary facilities located in the Senatorial district.*

*B. —E. (proposed text unchanged)*

**10.62.26 Registered Dispensary Agent**

*Authority: Health General Article, §§13–3301, 13–3302, 13–3307 and 13–3308, Annotated Code of Maryland*

**.07 Registered Dispensary Agent Training.**

*A. (proposed text unchanged)*

*B. Every 12 months registered dispensary agents shall be educated on the most recent data regarding:*

*(1)—(3) (proposed text unchanged)*

*(4) Potential drug interactions and consumer safety issues with ~~[[marijuana]]~~ medical cannabis use; and*

*(5) (proposed text unchanged)*

*C. (proposed text unchanged)*

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